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## Dust storm 'arrested'

A South Korean contractor captured this spectacular cloud covered dust storm only minutes before it struck a hospital housing work site in Jizan recently, reducing visibility to less than ten meters. Violent monsoon summer storms regularly strike the Jizan province, buried in the Kingdom's southwest corner on the Yemen border.

Saudi Business Han Yang



## 3-year port development pact signed

By Joe Pavia  
Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, Dec. 20 — Saudi Arabia and the Philippines Saturday entered into a technical cooperation agreement for the development management and operation of their ports. The agreement between the Saudi Arabian Ports Authority and the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is in the form of a memorandum of understanding. It was signed by Minister of State and Ports Authority President Dr. Fayed Badr and PPA Chairman Alfredo Juicio during simple ceremonies at Malacanang Palace.

President Ferdinand Marcos and Ambassador Fawzi Abdul Majid Shoboksi also signed as witnesses to the three-year agreement which provides for manpower development, exchange of expertise, consultations, construction and maintenance, sister port relationships and other possible areas of cooperation.

According to Malacanang press statement, Badr hailed the agreement saying that this 'important document' will enhance the relationship between the two port authorities, and that the agreement outlines better conditions for Filipino workers now in Saudi Arabian ports and for future recruits.

With respect to manpower, the agreement calls for a program to train and develop port workers, including the setting up of training centers and facilities and provision of trainers. The agreement also provides for cooperation along with exchanges of technical information in the construction and maintenance of ports.

To enhance international understanding and seaborne trade, a sister port relationship between selected ports in the two nations will be started. In the field of technology transfer, there will be exchanges of officials and technical personnel, while consultants from both countries may be asked to undertake studies to improve on-going management and operation systems.

The mechanics, terms and conditions of each program or area of cooperation will be set forth in implementing agreements between the pertinent departments of the two countries. The memorandum of understanding will last for three years starting Saturday and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either country by giving a six-month prior notice.

Before going Malacanang for the signing ceremony, Badr was briefed on PPA operations, prospects and problems by its officials led by general manager Col E.S. Badig Jr. The hour-long briefing stressed the PPA's policy to develop small ports rather than construct big ones.

Badr told Badr of the 19 major Philippine ports, nine are located in southern Philippines where the Muslim population is concentrated. Badig said the ports development in the south is in line with the president's efforts to accelerate trade and commerce in Mindanao and provide more job opportunities to Muslim Filipinos.

After the briefing, Badr and his party toured the PPA facilities at both the Manila north and south harbors. These two ports are the biggest in the country, accounting for more than 50 per cent of the total seaborne trade volume.

## Moscow reports Kosygin death

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (R) — The Soviet Union Saturday officially announced the death of former Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin and said he would "buried" in the Kremlin wall. The term "burial" in fact means that Kosygin will be cremated and his ashes lodged in a niche. The red-brick wall behind Lenin's mausoleum in Red Square already holds the ashes of many leaders of the Soviet Union.

The announcement by Tass news agency ended 36 hours of silence by Soviet media since Kosygin died on Thursday night from a heart attack at the age of 76.

Japan supplement  
A supplement on Japan appears with Arab News today.



Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Al Wazzan

## Wazzan cabinet given vote of confidence

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (AP) — Lebanon's new government of Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan won a vote of confidence in parliament Saturday that gave it a mandate to try to heal the country's post-civil war economic, political and security ills.

The vote was 41-6 for Wazzan's 21-man cabinet. It was formed on Oct. 25 to replace the government of Premier Salim Hoss, the Muslim banker-turned politician who held the executive reins since the civil war was smoothed by Syria in November, 1976.

Wazzan, also a Sunni Muslim, was chosen to head the government by Maronite Christian President Elias Sarkis. The 37-year tradition of sharing the country's top government and army posts on sectarian lines has survived the 1975-76 civil strife that pitted rightist Christians against an alliance of nationalist Muslims and Palestinian commandos.

But the war's combatants still are sharply divided, with each maintaining a private army that renders the country's legitimate security forces unable to restore law and order in the streets. More than 1,500 persons were killed in shootouts and bomb attacks this year.

The economy, once the most prosperous in the Middle East, still reels under the impact of the estimated \$12 billion losses of the war. Recovery is hampered by lawlessness, insecurity and lack of Muslim-Christian national entente in this Mediterranean Arab country of three million inhabitants.

In addition to those problems, the Wazzan government faces escalating tensions in southern Lebanon, involving Palestinian commandos and Syrian peacekeeping forces on one hand, Israel and Israeli-backed Christian militias in a small border enclave on the other, with 6,000 U.N. peace forces sandwiched between the antagonists.

## Saud, Pope urge M.E. settlement

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 20 (AP) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal Saturday met Pope Paul II and later on both called for an "equitable solution" to all aspects of the Middle East conflict, including the Palestinian problem and the status of Jerusalem.

The pontiff met for 45 minutes with the Saudi Arabian minister in the first audience granted by a Pope for a member of the Saudi royal family. A Vatican statement said they reviewed the world situation with particular emphasis on the Afghan crisis, the Iraq-Iran war and the question of the Palestinians.

"They stressed the necessity to contribute to peaceful solutions of the problems on the basis of equality," the statement said. Prince Saud pointed out that Israel had annexed Jerusalem in August in violation of the U.N. resolutions, the statement said.

The Pope referred to the Vatican's official paper of June 30, which warned that "any unilateral act tending to modify the status of the holy city would be very serious" and called for safeguards enforced by an international body to guarantee religious rights of Muslims, Jews and Christians in Jerusalem.

Prince Saud also conferred with Italian Premier Arnaldo Forlani on the second day of his two-day official visit. After the meeting, Italian officials reported that Prince Saud accepted Italy's request to revive the 100,000-barrel-a-day oil contract that was suspended in December 1979 of unfavorable press reports. Saudi Arabia provides about 20 per cent of Italy's 107 million metric ton annual oil needs.



Prince Saud Al Faisal

At U.N. headquarters

## W. Bank mayors begin hunger strike

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 20 (R) — Two West Bank mayors expelled by Israel have begun a hunger strike at U.N. headquarters after the Security Council said it was imperative for them to be allowed back home.

Mayors Fahd Kawasmeh of Hebron and Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul settled into chairs Friday night in a small lounge next to the Council chamber and told reporters they would remain there, taking no food and drinking only water. They said they had not yet decided how long their protest would last. Friends, including several Arab diplomats, sat with them during the evening.

Friday night was the third time the Council had called for the mayors to be allowed to return home since their expulsion in May. The two Palestinians, who took part in the Council debate, arrived in New York last week after appealing unsuccessfully to the Israeli Supreme Court against their deportation.

A U.N. spokesman said they would be allowed to remain, but contrary to what a U.N. security official had said earlier, no beds or other special facilities were being provided. The spokesman said: "They have the same privileges and rights as anybody who has received a pass to come into the U.N."

Mayor Kawasmeh, 41, told reporters they would not ask for beds and that the U.N. lounge was "better than an Israeli prison." They spent 52 days in custody and staged a 10-day hunger strike while awaiting the outcome of their appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court, he said.

## Klibi visits Iraq after Jordan talks

BAGHDAD, Dec. 20 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi arrived here Saturday from Amman continuing a tour of Arab countries aimed at smoothing inter-Arab relations. He will call on President Saddam Hussein to brief him on the results of his talks in the countries he had already visited. He will also discuss ways and means of strengthening Arab solidarity.

Klibi Friday night called on King Hussein to brief him on the results of his tour of Arab countries. He had flown there from Beirut and made the call on the Jordanian monarch immediately after his arrival.

During his tour he tried to smooth inter-Arab relations, soured by the recent Arab summit conference in Amman, which was boycotted by the anti-Israel "Steadfastness and Confrontation" Front.

Led by Syria, the front which also comprises Algeria, the Libyan Jamahiriya, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) argued the time was not opportune for the summit and called for a postponement.

Syria massed troops on its border with Jordan and the Amman government counteracted but after more than a fortnight tension both countries pulled back following mediation by Saudi Arabia.

Klibi had arrived in Beirut Friday. He met with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, Prime Minister Chafik Wazzan and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros. He told reporters the Lebanese stand seemed "positive."

Mayors return to their home. It was the first time in nine months that the United States voted with the council majority for a resolution directed against the Jewish state's activities in occupied Arab territories. Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum, said it was "regrettable" that the United States supported the return of mayors. Last May, the United States twice abstained on similar resolutions. U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry told reporters the U.S. voted in favor this time because the expulsion of the mayors was a "clear violation of the Geneva conventions."

Waldheim reported to the council that on Dec. 17, following adoption of a similar General Assembly resolution, he had appealed to Begin "to reconsider the (expulsion) decision... and to permit the Palestinian leaders to return to the West Bank so that they could resume the functions for which they were elected and appointed." Waldheim said he had conveyed his conviction that "the expulsion of the Palestinian leaders would inevitably exacerbate tensions and hamper efforts for a just and lasting peace."

Kawasmeh later told newsmen outside the council chamber that he had been informed that Shimon Peres, leader of Israel's Labor Party, recently had promised Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and other leading members of the Socialist International that he would allow the mayors to return if his party wins next year's general election. On Thursday, Peres won his party's backing to be its candidate for prime minister.

*In southern Lebanon*

## Syrian artillery hits Israeli tanks

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (AP) — Syrian artillery positions pounded an Israeli tank concentration in southern Lebanon Saturday in retaliation for an Israeli shelling of Syrian positions that killed three Syrian troops and wounded two days earlier, a Syrian Army communiqué said.

The communiqué, which was reported in Damascus and Beirut, claimed heavy damage was inflicted on Israeli tanks "present within Lebanon's territory."

The shelling of Syrian positions occurred early Friday, when Israeli paratroopers and infantry commandos raided Palestinian positions in southern Lebanon behind a massive artillery barrage.

The Syrian communiqué said Syrian positions in the southern Lebanese areas of Achiyyeh and Rihan were shelled by Israel during the attack on the Palestinians, which left eight killed in addition to the Syrian casualties.

The Friday incident was the first involving Syrian troops in southern Lebanon since Syria's 1976 November military intervention to snuff out Lebanon's 19-month civil war between rightist Christian Lebanese forces and an alliance of nationalist Muslims and Palestinians.

Saturday's communiqué was the first officially reported Syrian bombardment of Israeli targets in southern Lebanon since the Lebanon intervention.

A spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping force, Samir Sanbar, said in Beirut that 26 shells fell in southern Lebanon encampments of U.N. soldiers from Ghana and Norway Friday morning, causing some damage to equipment but no casualties.

"During an exchange of shelling some rounds fell on Ghanaian and Norwegian positions but there were no casualties," said Sanbar.

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*To non-Saudi spouses*

## Naif explains marriage rules

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — Interior Minister Prince Naif criticized the high cost of marriage in the Kingdom and called for economizing both bridal money and the ceremonies organized by the families on both sides. Under Islamic rules the bridegroom must pay a certain amount of money to the bride to prepare herself for the wedding.

Speaking in an interview with the London-based *Al Majalla* magazine, Prince

Naif said there should be a wide-ranging publicity campaign urging people to save on the extravagant cost of marriages which is discouraging young men from proposing or, at least, forcing them to delay their plans.

"The high cost of dowries is, in my opinion, one of the deeply-entrenched social problems which cannot be eliminated overnight," he said. "Nor will it be solved by official decrees."

### Fahd's visit beneficial --Zia

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 20 (SPA) — Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq said the recent visit of Crown Prince Fahd to his country amounted to "a great source for uniting Pakistan." adding that Pakistan never will enter into direct negotiations with the Soviet-backed puppet regime in Afghanistan.

President Zia was quoted by *Nawas Wajt* newspaper Friday as saying that he was confident in Pakistan's defense capabilities. He affirmed that the armed forces can protect the country and its borders in critical times. "There will be no bargaining over the Afghan problem and Pakistan will never depart from its principles," the president said.

*Opened by Prince Majed*

### Jeddah begins 'Tree Week'

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed's dedication of the second "Tree Week" here is intended to add 50,000 plants to the city.

The planting will be completed by 6,000 school boys under the supervision of municipal officials, according to the Deputy Mayor Dr. Hassan Hajara who said the trees will be spread over a vast area of the city. Jeddah's first "tree week" was held last November, during which 50,000 nursery plants enhanced the beauty of the city's parks and median strips. In addition to "tree weeks," the municipality has planned several hundred thousand trees, which have been imported from North Africa, Pakistan and Indonesia.

"The aim is to improve the environment in general, get rid of garbage dumps and work towards a better climate," according to municipal officials. Children from 60 schools will take part in the campaign this week, as was done in the previous tree-planting effort.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Province tree-planting week preparatory committee decided Saturday that the fourth tree-planting week in the region will start Feb. 14. The committee, which comprises representatives from all ministries and other government departments in the Eastern Province, discussed a number of issues related to the

Prince Naif said the government did not interfere so far in hope that the parents themselves will realize the folly of extravagant demands and costly celebrations. "The problem does not affect the men only, but the women as well. Besides, even in the case of decrees limiting the amount of dowries, the parents may decide to circumvent the law by secret agreements to increase the amount."

He appealed to parents to realize the importance of marriage and that the cost of it is not the guarantee of its happiness. On the contrary, it may well be that of misery. Regarding marriage of Saudi Arabians to foreigners — male or female — he said it was being regulated by the government for special reasons. It is not prohibited by the Islamic sharia, but the government had to step in to restrict it, except in certain cases.

The non-Saudi spouse must be of good character and not undesirable on grounds of personality, nationality or religious or some other ideology disapproved by the sharia. Besides, there should be some convincing justifications for wanting to marry a foreigner.

In the case of a woman wanting to marry a foreigner here the ministry will insist on at least five years residence in addition to other justifications. Those who violate the rules will be penalized by dismissal from government employment or cancellation of his or her scholarship if they happen to be studying abroad at government expense.



PLANTING: Prince Majed plants the first tree to begin Jeddah's second "Tree Week."



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh

### SR41m contract for dams okayed

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved Saturday the awarding of two contracts totaling SR 41.7 million to build. The dams will be located at Al-Mustajiddah in Hail, and Wadi Al-Amlah in Houtat Sudair. The SR 22.3 million Mustajiddah dam, will be 530 meters long, 11 meters high and 8.5 meters deep. The dam will have three openings to control the flow of reservoir water.

The contract calls for completion of work in 20 months from the date of handing the work site. The project, won by a specialist Saudi Arabian company, includes illumination and building guard houses.

The SR 19.3 million Wadi Al-Amlah dam will be 420 meters long, 11.5 meters high and its depth will be 8 meters. It will have two openings to regulate the flow of water from the reservoir. The contract, also awarded to a national company calls for providing electricity for the dam and building guard houses. Work is expected to be finished within 18 months.

In another development, the Hasa Irrigation and Drainage Project Board decided to dig 10 new artesian water wells in an area 55 kilometers from Hasa. Surveys and detailed studies revealed that the area can produce 324,000 cubic meters of water daily without affecting the level of subterranean water in Hasa.

A contract has been awarded to a national firm to draw designs for water lines from the new area to Hasa. The designs are expected to be completed within two months from now. A committee was formed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water to study the conclusions of the surveys.

### Phone warning issued

DAMMAM, Dec. 20 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Telephone director, Abdullah Al-Abbad, Saturday warned that the telephone department will cancel telephone lines whose owners have delayed settling their bills for more than six months.

Abbad said the department will start as of Sunday by suspending telephone lines for subscribers who have not settled their bills for the last period of three months.

### Prayer Times

Sunday	Mecca	Medina	Najd
Fajr	5.29	5.36	5.08
Ishraq	6.54	7.01	6.33
Dhuhr	12.19	12.20	11.51
Asar	3.23	3.19	2.50
Magrib	5.45	5.39	5.10
Isha	7.15	7.09	6.40

## In Arab countries

### Conference ponders housing

DAMASCUS, Dec. 20 (SPA) — Ministerial delegates from 19 Arab countries opened the fifth Arab housing and reconstruction conference here Saturday. The Arab League general secretariat also is attending the meeting.

The three-day conference was opened by Abdul Rauf Al-Kasim, Syrian prime minister, on behalf of President Hafez Assad. The delegates will be discussing the promotion of cooperation among Arab countries in the field of housing and reconstruction. They also will consider the possibility of establishing an Arab bank for housing to finance housing development undertaken by general assemblies in Arab countries.

The Saudi Arabian delegation to the conference, led by Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Massaoud, the state minister and cabinet member, arrived here Friday night.

Sheikh Muhammad said the conference will discuss not only housing problems in the Arab world, but how to encourage local manufacturing of construction material. It will also deal with the Arab countries' experience with prefabricated structures. Also high on the agenda is the preservation of Arabian architecture style in occupied Jerusalem. The conference will review progress for the

### BRIEFS

#### Park to open

ABHA, Dec. 20 — The national park here will be open to visitors next summer according to Deputy Governor of Asir Region Prince Faisal ibn Bandar. He said that once it is completed the park will make the region the leading summer resort in the country.

#### Stores moved

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — Deputy Mayor Dr. Hassan Hojrah has submitted a report to Mecca Governor Prince Majed about the removal of 256 stores from the city to the fringes of the city. Civil defense authorities have been blaming these stores for many of the fires being reported.

#### Accidents reported

RIYADH, Dec. 20 — Forty traffic accidents in which three persons were killed and 35 injured were reported here during the weekend.

#### Electric contracts awarded

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — The Information Ministry has awarded the Sawary Trading and Contracting company a SR2.2 million contract to supply and install two Ouan emergency electric plants for repeater stations.

#### Agriculture projects planned

HAIL, Dec. 20 — Agricultural projects amounting to SR150 million will be carried out during the current year to increase the area of arable land here, according to official sources. They will include dams, artesian wells and drinking water supplies.

#### Jizan hospital opening

JIZAN, Dec. 20 — The new general hospital here will be opened next month under the supervision of a Danish medical team. Four months later it will be ready to receive its first patients.

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*Leading pro-Arab Americans say*

## 'Arab, European pressures needed to influence Reagan's M.E. policy'

London Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 20 — Increased Arab and European pressure on the Americans to influence President-elect Reagan's Middle Eastern policy was urged by three leading pro-Arab Americans this week.

America's Middle Eastern policy is based on a profound misunderstanding of the Arabs, not least because it aims to form a strategic alliance between Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel against Russia, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, James Alkins told a London meeting of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding. But the message that Jerusalem is more important than Kabul to the Arab world is not clear in Washington, he said.

Alkins warned that the American business community will not work on Reagan's Middle East policy unless pressure is put on it, and to date no Arab politician has ever spoken to the big American companies. Despite the Republican Party's avowed interest in the Middle East, there is no evidence that the business community is getting any response from Reagan on Middle East issues.

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James Alkins

Ambassador to Jordan and President of the Middle East Institute, L. Dean Brown. And there is no pro-Arab lobby or even a hope of one within American government, confirmed John Richardson of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA).

The ineffectiveness of the pro-Arab influence on the forthcoming Reagan administration is already reflected in the few details of Reagan's Middle East policy that have emerged. A gloomy picture of the likely direction of the new administration was painted by Alkins.

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## OAU seeking U.N. force to police Chad ceasefire

PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP) — The Organization of African Unity has called on the United Nations for technical and financial aid in sending a neutral force to N'Djamena to police the ceasefire in the Chad civil war, OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo said.

In an interview Friday with the *Continent*, a new Paris-based African daily newspaper, Kodjo said the OAU has asked the U.N. Security Council to debate the matter quickly and send to Chad a neutral force made up of African troops under the U.N. flag.

Under the ceasefire agreement worked out last month, all Chadian troops are required to withdraw at least 100 kilometers from N'Djamena, the capital. The country would be placed temporarily under the control of a commission made up of Togo, Guinea, Benin and the Congo Republic, which also would provide the peacekeeping force.

However, Kodjo, a Togolese, said it would be difficult for these countries to send troops quickly using only their own means.

Nine months of savage fighting for N'Djamena came to an end Monday when

troops of President Goukouni Oueddei's government coalition, backed by Libyan tanks, planes and infantry, drove rebel forces under the command of former Defense Minister Hissene Habre from the city.

A new peace conference on Chad has been called and is scheduled to begin Monday in Lagos, Nigeria. Expected to attend are all the warring factions from Chad, the four members of the commission as well as Chad's neighbors — Libya, Sudan, Central Africa, Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger and Senegal.

Meanwhile, French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet told the parliament's foreign affairs committee that France was prepared to support any African effort to bring a lasting peace to Chad.

In a communiqué issued Friday, Francois-Poncet said, however, that France would respect Chad's sovereignty.

"It is paradoxical that some people reproach France for its passivity (with regard to Chad) after having reproached it for other interventions," he said, referring to French actions in Zaire and the Central African Empire.

## 9 Brotherhood members killed

ments.

The raid followed the killing of a university professor and a prominent Muslim clergyman in Damascus on Tuesday.

The government blamed the double murder on the organization, accused of responsibility for a string of killings and bombings in Syria over the last two years.

Arab and Jewish women, was staging its protest Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights this week. The candlelight vigil, for two and a half hours each night, was being held between the Jewish holiday of Hannukah and the Christian holiday of Christmas, to draw public attention to the plight of Palestinians under occupation, organizers said.

The coalition, which includes American,

members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood organization were killed when security forces stormed their hideout in the north Syrian town of Aleppo Friday, an official spokesman said Saturday. He said the security forces seized weapons, ammunition, uniforms and a number of forged identity cards and documents.

WAHINGTON, Dec. 20 — A women's coalition group has organized a three-night candlelight vigil in front of the Israeli embassy here to protest human and civil rights abuses against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, organizers said.

The coalition, which includes American,

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SHEEP TRAFFIC JAM: Iraqi armored vehicles rushing to front in occupied Iran held up in traffic jam by sheep being herded over a narrow river bridge. The sheep blocked the highway for several minutes, stopping traffic including 12 Soviet-made armored personnel carriers packed with troops.

## Political platform approved

### Peres opposes role for PLO

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (AP) — Israel's opposition Labor Party Friday unanimously passed a political platform which invites Palestinians — but not the Palestine Liberation Organization — to join negotiations on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The program will be carried to the polls next November, when newly-confirmed party head Shimon Peres challenges the Likud Bloc's Menahem Begin for the premiership.

The Labor Party's national convention ended Friday, and 3,101 delegates voted unanimously to call for peace negotiations with any Palestinian who renounces terrorism and recognizes Israel.

All opinion polls predict a solid victory for Labor over Likud in 1981's elections.

The Labor Party rules out an independent state in the occupied areas, but proposes that Palestinians exercise "self determination" in a manner under Israeli sovereignty.

The ruling Likud has offered the West Bank limited self rule, and Labor says it will continue autonomy negotiations with the United States and Egypt.

Approval of the platform showed a victory for Labor doves, who have been pushing for a gesture to enable Palestinians abroad to negotiate for their people, barring proclaimed members of the PLO. The platform states that a Labor government will be prepared to enter talks with "Palestinian personalities and factors recognizing Israel and rejecting the method of terror."

The party also denounced building Jewish settlements in Arab-populated areas of the West Bank, areas that have been targeted by

the Likud for its major settlement drives.

Another issue discussed was Labor's position on Syria's Golan Heights, pending legislation in parliament to annex it. The party affirmed that the strategic heights should remain under Israeli sovereignty.

## Ex-Israeli officer, friend murdered in West Germany

ERLANGEN, West Germany, Dec. 20 (AP) — A 56-year-old former Israeli army officer and his 57-year-old companion were shot and killed Friday in an "execution" style slaying, city police said.

Police said the killers may have had political motives for the slaying, but gave no immediate reasons for their suspicion. They said anti-Semitism was suspected in the killing.

The bodies of Shlomo Lewin, a local Jewish community leader who served as adjutant to Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan in the 1973 middle East war and of Frida Poessche, the widow of a former city mayor, were found in Lewin's house by a friend at about 7 p.m. (2000 GMT) Friday, a police spokesman said. Both had multiple bullet wounds to the head.

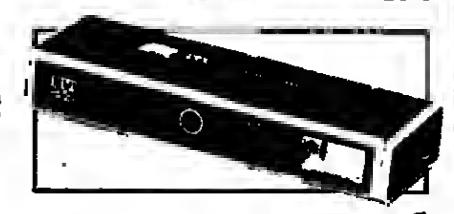
"Right now it's not clear if there was a political or a revenge motive," said state attorney Rudolf Brunner. However, it looks certain that it wasn't a matter of robbery.

No arrests had been made by early morning Saturday, police said. Authorities would give no further details of the investigation beyond saying that anti-Israeli or anti-Jewish motives may have been involved. State and federal authorities were taking part in the search for the killers, authorities said.



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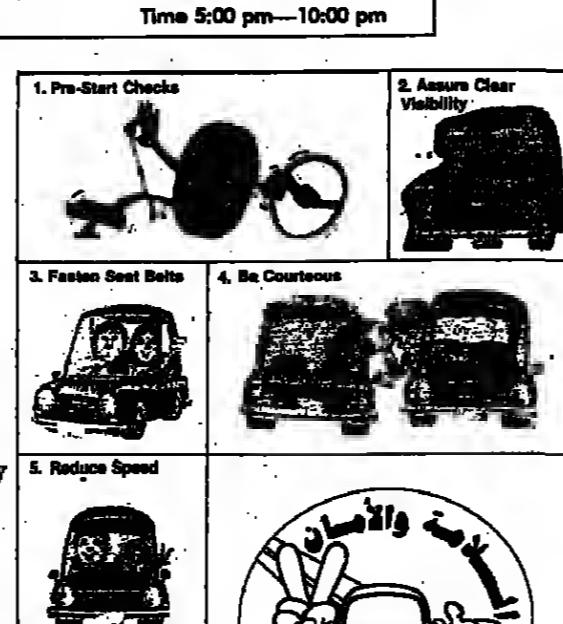
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Downs McNamee in semis

## Buehning reaches finals

SYDNEY, Australia Dec. 20 (AP) — Hard-hitting Fritz Buehning curbed any bent towards hot-headedness Saturday as he turned to a win over Victorian Paul McNamee and a place in the final of the 125,000 Nabisco Men's Tennis Open at this City.

The towering 20-year-old American beat McNamee in three sets 6-7, 7-6, 6-3 to progress to Sunday's final against fellow American Brian Teacher.

Teacher, the tournament eighth seed, had only comfortable 6-3, 7-6 victory over New Zealand's Russel Simpson in the other semi-final.

Buehning and McNamee held the center court crowd spellbound for two hours as they traded power-laden shots in their battle for supremacy.

Apart from a few shouts of anguish, Buehning was on his best behavior on Saturday and avoided questioning doubtful line calls.

Buehning may still have had Friday night's confrontation with grande prix supervisor Franco Bartoni at the back of his mind. He was fined \$250 for abusing an umpire during a doubles match on Thursday and

another \$250 for an alleged verbal obscenity in his singles quarter-final against Sydney's Phil Dent.

It was a thrilling first set, with Buehning breaking McNamee's serve in the first game and McNamee striking back in the fourth to level at 2-all.

Buehning immediately broke serve again but McNamee, matching the American's powerful return of serve, came back in the eighth game to level at 4-all.

McNamee, after going down 1-7 in the second set tie-breaker, missed his golden chance in the first two games of the deciding set. He had two break points on Buehning's service in the first game and three break points in the third.

McNamee had three racquet changes during the match, after losing the bat from two grips and cracking a frame while diving for a forehand volley.

He did not blame the racquet changes for his defeat and had some compensation later when he and fellow-Victorian Peter McNamee won their doubles semi-final 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 against Buehning and fellow American Ferdi Taygan.

### As rebels contest FISA rules

## Argentina racing season delayed

PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP) — The ruling body World motor sport announced on Friday that the 1981 World Championship and Prix season in Argentina would be delayed from Jan. 25 to Feb. 22 in a final attempt to attract rebel teams back to the championship.

In London, however, the mainly British rebels contesting the authority of the International Auto Sport Federation had a friendly diametrical raise the crisis in the House Commons in an attempt to swing British government support behind them.

FISA President Jean-Marie Balestre told a press conference the delay was to allow the development time for rebel cars. The rebels, grouped as the Formula One Contractors Association, include this year's race champion Frank Williams. Williams and his world champion driver Alan Jones of Britain did not attend the FISA annual awards ceremony which followed the news conference.

FICA claims FISA exceeded its powers in it banned aerodynamic aids called wings from 1981 for safety reasons. Major entries in Grand Prix racing have followed Williams and Alfa Romeo, Renault, Ferrari, Brabham, Osella and the new Toleman in, have so far entered 15 cars for the first championship. Balestre said FISA executive commission has organized 13 races for the world champion-

ship with a San Marino Grand Prix at Imola, Italy, as "first reserve." He said races planned in Brazil, Austria would not be given dates unless required track safety work had been finished and inspected.

He said efforts were continuing to meet a Canadian request for a mid-season date instead of Sept. 27, which would clash with World Series Baseball television. But other organizers were not willing so far to move their dates.

Prince Paul Metternich, president of FISA's parent body, the International Automobile Federation, and Balestre, said they did not believe court action in Britain by FOCA would interfere in organizing the championships.

FOCA has a court injunction barring the FIA and FISA, under British law, from interfering in contracts. FOCA has eight of the race organizers until a judge rules on the validity of the contracts.

The world championship calendar: Feb. 22, Argentina, Buenos Aires; March 15, U.S. West, Long Beach, Calif.; April 12, South Africa, Kyalami; May 17, Belgium, Zolder; May 31, Monaco; June 21, Spain, Jarama; July 5, France, Dijon; July 18, Britain, Silverstone; Aug. 2, Germany, Hockenheim; Aug. 30, Holland, Zandvoort; Sept. 13, Italy, Monza; Sept. 27, Canada, Montreal; Oct. 4, U.S. East, Watkins Glen, N.Y.



INDOORS: Members of the Canadian women's cross country ski team tag on an indoor section of a ski trail at Mt. Telemark in Cable, Wisconsin, during the opening race of the Gitchi Gami Games. Part of the trail was inside the Telemark Coliseum where spectators could watch the action out of the cold. It was the first cross country ski race to be held indoors.

## 20 nations meet in ski tourney

RAMSAU, West Germany, Dec. 20 (AP) — Twenty nations will be competing in the second event of the World Nordisch Skiing Cup season here this weekend.

Saturday's program was to include the men's 15 kilometers cross country and the men's 10 kilometers cross country, while Sunday is reserved for the men's 10 kilometers and the women's 5 kilometers relays.

The Soviets, who swept the men's 15 kilometer and the men's and women's relays in the opening races of the World Cup season at Davos, Switzerland, will be present in full with a team of 20 led by Evgeni Belaev.

Or the Scandinavian side are an especially strong Norwegian team, Lake Placid gold medalist Thomas Wassberg of Sweden, and Juha Mieto of Finland, last year's winner here.

Austrian Wegner Vogel said he was hoping for Austria to place somewhere between 15th to 25th this weekend. Austria's best, Walter Hyer, has to withdraw because of a wisdom tooth operation.

## For Universal welterweight title

## Leonard longs for match with Hearns

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP) — Sugar Ray Leonard, the conqueror of Roberto Duran last Nov. 25, might fight for the Junior Middleweight Championship while waiting to see if a fight can be made between him and Thomas Hearns for the Universal Welterweight title, Mike Trainer, Leonard's attorney said Friday.

Trainer told the Associated Press by telephone that Leonard's first fight of 1981 could be in March and it could be against either of the two junior middleweight champs — Maurice Hope of Britain, recognized by the World Boxing Council, or Aylif Kahale of Denmark, recognized by the World Boxing Association.

Trainer said that he has been in contract with representatives of both junior middleweight champions and added that should Leonard beat either Hope or Kahale, he could surrender the junior middleweight title in order to fight the power-punching Hearns in a bout to unite the welterweight title.

The weight limit for the junior middleweight division is 155 pounds (70.5 kilos), while the welterweight limit is 147 (66.3 kilos).

Leonard regained the WBC welterweight title and avenged the only defeat of his 29-bout career when Duran, who had outpointed Leonard June 20, quit in the eighth round in New Orleans.

Leonard was in Los Angeles to be interviewed Friday night after a return of his victory over Duran on ABC-TV. Duran was to be in Miami to appear with Leonard on a live-hookup.

The unbeaten Hearns scored his 27th knockout in 29 victories when he stopped Pipino Cuevas in the second round last Aug. 2 and won the WBA lightweight title. Asked about the prospects of a Leonard-Hearns fight, Trainer said, "I think the prospects are good. Much depends on the public response to the Hearn-Benitez fight."

Hearns will defend his title against Wilfred Benitez, who lost the WBC championship to Leonard Nov. 30, 1979.

Leonard made \$9.5 million against Duran in Montreal and 7 million against the Panamanian in New Orleans.

Meanwhile, WBC champion Lupe Pintor

### Table tennis scheduled

DAKAR, Dec. 20 (AP) — The sixth African table-tennis championships open here Sunday, with 15 countries participating in the men's events and 14 nations taking part in the women's.

Francois Bop, Senegalese state secretary for youth and sports, will preside over Sunday's opening ceremonies, in the presence of Laurent Dona Fologo, vice-president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA), Lamine Diack, head of the SCSA's financial committee, and Abou Hafid, president of the African Table Tennis.

tinued to score in the 13th scoring with combinations to the head.

The 14th Davila seemed to weaken as Pintor opened another cut over the challenger's left eye.

Pintor said afterwards he had not been affected in the fight by the death of Welshman Johnny Owen who died after being knocked out when the two on Sept. 9 in Los Angeles. Pintor has now won 43 of his first professional fights while Davila's record stands at 39-7.

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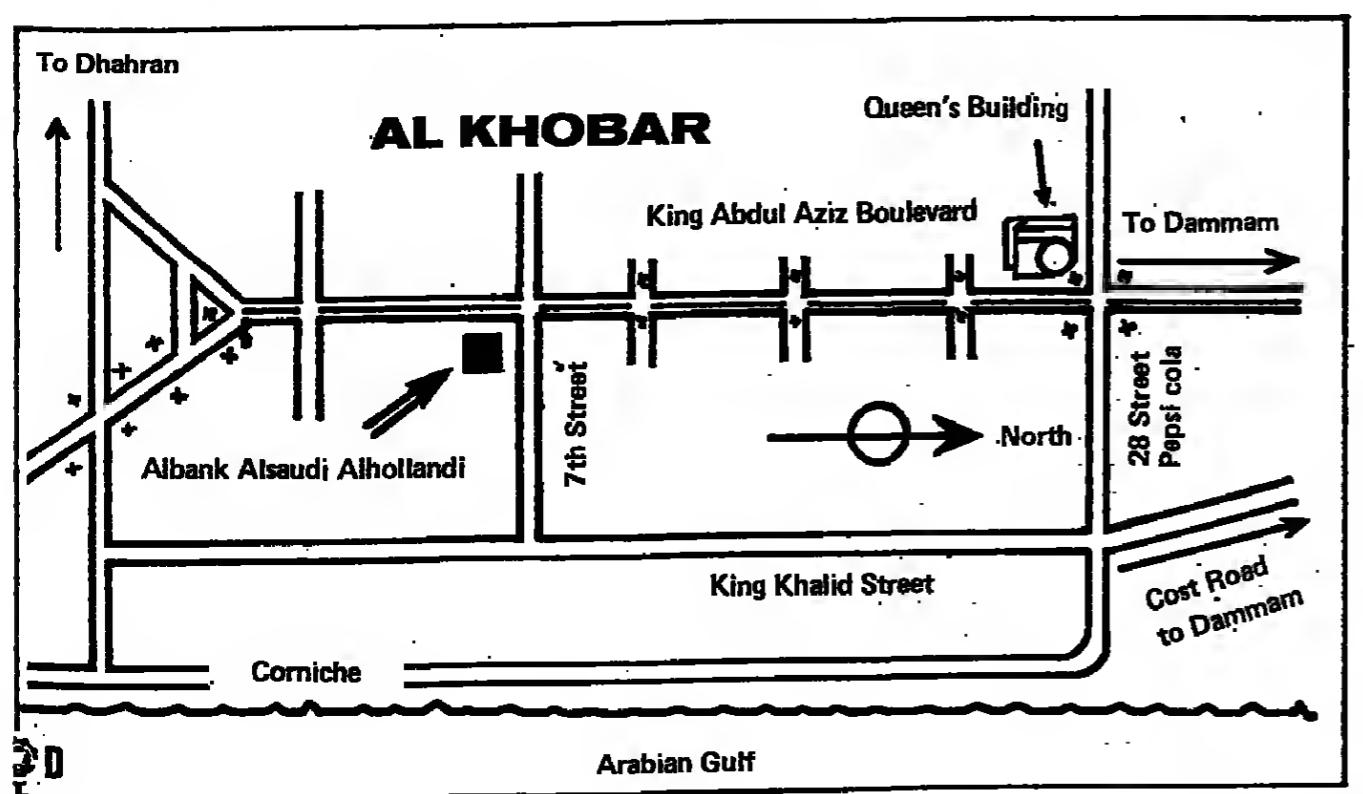
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## Yugoslavia snubs intellectuals

By Peter Ristic

### BELGRADE —

Anger and despair have greeted the ban preventing Yugoslav intellectuals from publishing their own magazine with a Socialist and democratic orientation. One hundred and twenty intellectuals from four of the country's six republics had signaled they were ready to become founding members of the magazine, to be called *Jarnost*. They were all hand-picked by Dobrica Cosic, one of the country's leading and most popular writers, and the philosopher Ljubomir Tadic as among the most distinguished in their fields.

But the application to publish the first independent magazine in Yugoslavia since the Communists came to power had been firmly rejected. The magazine was to have offered an intellectual dialogue on contemporary issues, especially the economic and social problems facing Yugoslavia.

Emotions have run high over the method of rejection and the arguments used to justify it and discredit those behind the magazine, but particularly over the bitter attack launched by party President member, Stane Dolanc. The authorities stepped in with a ban even before seeing the magazine's first issue, dashing many hopes of any post-Tito

Two days before the application to publish was turned down by the Serbian Secretariat for Information, the Socialist Alliance of Belgrade, a political organization, publicly said the magazine was unacceptable. The people behind *Jarnost* questioned the legality of the alliance telling the secretariat what to do. But the disappointment and concern over the method of rejection verged on despair for some.

The reference to Catholic morals was also baffling, unless it was largely Catholics who wanted their own magazine in Slovenia. But since a large number of the people supporting *Jarnost* and the petition for the repeal of the criminal law on hostile propaganda were from Serbia, where the Eastern Church is entrenched, it was unlikely Catholicism played any part in their thinking.

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

### KINGSTON —

Armed troops are keeping up day and night patrols of this down-at-heel city as Jamaicans struggle to come to terms with landslide victory that nighting Edward Seaga won in the island just over a month ago. Walls, pavements and roadways still bear the scars of the bitterly divisive poll, which claimed hundreds of lives in battle between Seaga's Jamaica Labor Party and the People's National Party of former Prime Minister Michael Manley.

"PNP zone — JLP keep out" and similar crude daubs announce the boundaries between hostile parts of town, and well-known party activists are still careful not to be caught unprotected in a hostile street.

The conservative JLP is still too drunk with the wine of success to stop crowing about a victory which reduced its opponents from a massive share of 47 seats in the 60-seat parliament to a mere eight seats today.

Rubbing salt in the wounds of Manley's *Socialist* newspaper recently commented: "The working-

No one could change the basic components of the Yugoslav system, Stane Dolanc, a Slovene, warned in a speech attacking the people behind *Jarnost*, a similar magazine in Slovenia and a petition for a reform of the criminal law to allow complete freedom of speech.

His words seemed to amount to a turning back of history in Yugoslavia by more than 20 years. In 1958 it was laid down in the party program that everything was in a state of change and everything could be changed for the better — even the system. This has always been considered one of the most important principles ever adopted in the history of the Yugoslav Communist Party.

And despair turned to anger when Dolanc filled out his words after the application for *Jarnost* was first sent out and the Yugoslav press went into attack. The groups and individuals active now had never done anything for democracy and freedom, he claimed; adding that the problem was essentially one of conservative pro-Western ideas and Catholic morals. But it is questionable whether what has been happening in Yugoslavia in recent months can be passed off as limited groups and individuals. These had provided the initiative but thousands of people have been watching from the sidelines in silent support.

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class needs capitalists quite as much and possibly even more than capitalists need the working-class.

The business community, hard hit by the economic storm which broke over the island in the wake of the international oil crisis, had been up in arms against Manley's brand of socialism. Now businessmen are euphoric. "I really think a new age dawned when Eddie Seaga won. He really is a very great man," an accountant said happily.

The International Monetary Fund, which made little secret of its hostility to Manley, has sent a team from Washington to negotiate new loans for Seaga. Thousands of Jamaicans who emigrated rather than live under Manley's rule are coming home and the hotels are expecting bumper Christmas with returned exiles and reassured U.S. tourists.

Manley's PNP is just beginning to stir out of its state of shock and begin the painful post-mortem after its electoral massacre on Oct. 30. After initial rumors that he would be quitting politics and Jamaica for some soothing senior post in an international agency, Manley has declared he will continue to lead the PNP. Indeed, after the defeats of P. J. Patterson, the former foreign minister and leader of the Right of the party, and of Hugh Small, the

Dolanc also went on to mention the son of Milovan Djilas — Yugoslavia's best known dissident, and a man who for a quarter of a century has been attacked as anti-Yugoslav — and said that he was writing about democracy in an emigre journal. This should give the public an idea of the kind of democracy these people were fighting for, he said.

The Yugoslav press echoed the theme. The *Jarnost* people had been described by the Western press as dissidents, a Western-based committee engaged in the protection of dissidents were concerned about them, it was said on television and in the newspapers.

"The regime wants us to be dissidents and in that way to compromise us," commented one of those involved with *Jarnost*. "We don't want the name dissidents. We have the right as citizens to criticize what is not right in our country."

The reference to Djilas also appeared misplaced. Neither he nor his son Aleksa was behind *Jarnost*. Probably most of those involved in the magazine and the petition to reform the criminal code had never met either of them. Only one intellectual, the writer Oskar Davice, joined the attack on the *Jarnost* people, saying that the platform for the magazine was anti-Yugoslav and anti-democratic. The people manifested greater Serbian ideas and never mentioned the workers.

But the program for the magazine was in the form of an appeal for intellectuals to engage themselves in doing something for the good of the entire community and press for democratic reforms. And support came from four republics — not just Serbia.

The question is now what the people behind *Jarnost* intend to do next. No one is saying anything about their intentions. (OFNS)

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leader of the PNP Left, there can be few challenges to Manley's leadership within the party — or indeed few alternatives to it.

The crushing defeat is likely to be blamed on the Left for forcing the party into policies and alliances that the average Jamaican voter found unacceptable. D. K. Duncan, the party secretary and organizing genius who had been the architect of Manley's two previous smashing victories, and who is one of the more left-wing figures in the party, may now find himself blamed for the debacle.

There is also the realization that the PNP's passionate flirtation with the Cuban government could have been a mistake. "The Cubans have their ways of doing things and we Jamaicans have ours," said one leading PNP figure. "We should have cultivated our friends in Western Europe better; after all they had the money and influence to help us more."

As Manley's followers agonize they seem oblivious to the threatening problems facing their rivals. The JLP too has its divisions, and Eddie Seaga is seen as an uncompromising right-winger, aloof from the trade unionists who make up much of his party's strength.

## Pentagon hushed up

### N- accidents

By Richard Thaxton

WASHINGTON —

Americans have been misled for years about the number of serious accidents involving U.S. nuclear weapons — events codenamed by the Pentagon as "Broken Arrows". Some have been at least 26 and up to 36 such accidents since 1945, more than double the previous estimate, government sources disclosed last week.

In addition, there have been hundreds of less dangerous nuclear weapons accidents, known as "Bent Spears", or in minor cases, "Dulled Swords." About 10 of the Broken Arrows are deeply classified because of their "political sensitivity," said a Pentagon official. Some of these accidents resulted in the rupture of nuclear weapons and the spilling of radioactive, cancer-causing plutonium across the territory of U.S. allies, but the governments concerned managed to keep the incidents secret, he said.

One Broken Arrow that could not be kept secret happened when a B-52 bomber crashed at Palomares, Spain, in 1966, spewing plutonium over a wide area and costing \$50 million to clean up. Two years later there was a crash with similar results near Thule, Greenland.

The Pentagon stresses that none of the Broken Arrows has involved a nuclear explosion because of the safeguards built into the bombs and missiles. But there was at least one extremely close call, according to a U.S. official. He said a B-52 jettisoned a 24-megaton nuclear bomb over Goldsboro, North Carolina, in 1961. Five of the bomb's six safety devices were knocked out when it hit the ground and only one electric switch prevented a nuclear explosion nearly 2,000 times more powerful than Hiroshima.

Pentagon officials said the government takes the prospect of future nuclear accidents so seriously that it is planning a costly series of "accident games" in the Nevada desert to train defense forces to deal with Broken Arrows. One such game, known as "Niwax 81," will be played in April. Planning will rely heavily on the expertise of British defense advisers who regularly conduct such exercises on Salisbury Plain and elsewhere. Some of the exercises will simulate accidents involving tactical nuclear weapons, thousands of which are deployed in Western Europe.

Despite last week's admissions, a Pentagon spokesman insisted: "We have a good nuclear safety record." But some defense critics believe the danger of Broken Arrows is growing. The Center for Defense Information, a private think-tank in Washington, notes that the U.S. already has 9,000 strategic and 22,000 tactical nuclear weapons.

The more missiles and bombs there are, the greater the chance of accidents. And there are likely to be more nukes because of the MX missile program and Presidential Directive 59, announced in August, which has led to the pinpointing of about 10,000 new military targets in the USSR. If nuclear weapons spread to other nations, as many experts say is inevitable in the decade ahead, the danger of foreign Broken Arrows also seems bound to intensify.

New nuclear powers in the less developed world will have less sophisticated safeguards against accidental nuclear explosions, according to Professor Louis Rene Beres, a weapons expert at Purdue University.

The Pentagon's latest revelation about Broken Arrows comes amid growing concern here over the reliability of America's nuclear defense system. Earlier this month, a congressional report disclosed that air defense computers flash false warnings of nuclear attack by the Soviets at a rate of nearly twice a week.

In a recent 18-month period, four such alarms were taken seriously enough for senior commanders to convene and discuss possible retaliation. The Center for Defense Information and other groups have also voiced concern that American tactical nuclear weapons are vulnerable to sabotage in their storage areas both here and in Europe, and that further safeguards are needed.

U.S. Army exercises have shown that nuclear weapons storage areas can be penetrated without detection, despite guards, fences, and sensors, according to an analyst at the Center for Defense Information.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Most Saturday newspapers led with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's talks with Italian officials in Rome on the new European state of the Palestine issue. They highlighted Prince Saud's reaffirmation that the participation of America and Europe in peace talks was "necessary" and that the Camp David accords have given "everything" to Israel. In a lead story, *Al Riyadh* said King Khalid would pay a visit to Qassim and Hail regions next week. *Al Bilad* led with Israel's largescale invasion on South Lebanon Friday.

Newspapers frontpaged the Foreign Minister's visit to Italy and Israel's attack on South Lebanon. They also gave front-page treatment to former Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's death which occurred in Moscow Thursday. In a page one story, *Al Riyadh* reported that King Khalid would shortly open a medical complex for the National Guard, which is expected to be completed within the next two months. *Al Bilad* said in a front-page story that 20,000 residential plots would be given to the low-income group in Jeddah, for which approval has been given by Mecca Governor Prince Majed. The departure of the Algerian mediators from Tehran with the Iranian conditions on the release of the U.S. hostages figured prominently in *Okaz* newspaper.

Newspaper editorials condemned the Israeli invasion of South Lebanon which took place after the U.N. Security Council's decision to re-station the U.N. emergency force in the region. The papers were firm in their conviction that America's con-

stant economic, military and political support for Israel has encouraged the latter to launch renewed attacks on South Lebanon. In an editorial, *Al Riyadh* described the Israeli attack as double-edged, since it proved Israel's rejection of international norms and also showed an attempt to bear upon the United Nations to withdraw its forces from South Lebanon. The paper said such a situation would open vistas before the Israeli forces to liquidate the Palestinian troops and to occupy larger chunks of the Lebanese territory. The paper was sore with the Security Council itself as it deprived the U.N. force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) of all moves that would enable them to stop any assaults by Israel, it said. The paper feared that the world's silence would only give Israel a green light to make the situation further tense and to launch fresh attacks on neighboring states.

On the same subject, *Al Yam* noted that the attack took place just when the Security Council had decided to renew the tenure of the UNIFIL in the region. The paper described the attacks as an open challenge to the international society and to the Security Council itself. It added that a lack of response from the Security Council to Lebanon's request for supplying the UNIFIL with sufficient deterrent methods leaves a big question mark. Under the present circumstances, the paper said, neither Lebanon nor any other Arab state would feel inclined to rely on the U.N. forces as they play in Zionist hands, which keep them weak and paralyzed. It urged the Lebanese to unite and eliminate

their differences so they are able to confront the Zionist threat effectively.

*Al Madina* observed that the Zionist attack shows the treacherous nature of Zionism which has made its frequent assaults on Lebanon as a matter of routine. The paper said further that the enemy's actual aim is to prove the cause of the aggression as Palestinian resistance and the presence of the Palestinian commandos in the region. But it added that the continued commando activity is considered to be a drawback for Zionism.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al Bilad* noted that the dimensions of the Zionist plan are to dominate South Lebanon, as the Zionist moves throughout the past years have made it clear that Israel attaches great importance to its expansionist designs in Lebanon. The paper regretted that the secessionist militia leader, Saad Haddad, has been helping Israel in the realization of its objectives in the area. It, therefore, urge the Arab states to make diplomatic, military and economic moves to rescue Lebanon from its present ordeal.

In reference to the statements made by U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan's Secretaries of State and Defense on the U.S.-Israel alliance, *Al Jarirah* said America's political, diplomatic, economic and military support for Israel is an established fact. But the paper urged the U.S. political brains to appreciate the political and geographical changes that have taken place in the world since the inception of Israel.



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*Rebels claim victory*

## IRA strike collapses

BELFAST, Dec. 20 (AP) — Hundreds of anti-British prisoners in the jails of Northern Ireland are calling off their four-year-old campaign to be treated as political prisoners rather than common criminals, according to their supporters outside.

They said that within a week, some 500 convicted members of the underground and mainly Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army will halt their protest campaign of dressing only in blankets and smearing their cells with their excrement.

A small group of rival, pro-British protestant prisoners also is ending a blanket protest. The IRA protest is being phased out because the British government has given in to their demands, said Provisional Sinn Fein, political arm of the IRA Provisionals, whose 11-year campaign against British rule has cost over 2,000 lives in the province.

British officials, however, deny that anything has been conceded and say that nothing is changed. The development, typical of Northern Ireland's tortuous sectarian politics, followed the ending Thursday of a hunger strike "to the death" by 37 IRA men and three women.

The fast was stopped after 26-year-old

Sean McKenna, one of seven men going without food for 53 days, was given the last rites of the Catholic church and was on the brink of death.

The gravely ill McKenna was moved Thursday from the hospital in the Maze prison near Belfast, where his six comrades remain, to a hospital outside for better supervision. He was moved again Friday to the intensive care unit of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, where authorities said there are better facilities for taking care of him. He is linked to a heart monitoring machine, his mother said, and was expected to regain his sight which had been endangered by the fast.

All seven, men, seriously weakened from taking only salt and water since Oct. 27, were receiving liquid nourishment Saturday, said a prison spokesman.

The London *Times* newspaper said Saturday that the hunger strikers were "talked out of it" by the combined forces of the government of the Irish Republic in Dublin and the Roman Catholic church hierarchy acting for all Ireland. Church emissaries are active in both prisons.



Emperor Bokassa

## Bangui starts public trial of Bokassa

BANGUI, Central African Republic, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — Exiled Emperor Bokassa of the old Central African Empire Friday went on trial in absentia here on a variety of charges, including cannibalism. Bokassa, ousted in a French-backed coup last year, is also charged with multiple murders and plotting against the state's security by signing a secret defense agreement with Libya's Colonel Muammar Qaddafi.

Charges of cannibalism arise from the alleged discovery in his palace kitchens here soon after he was deposed of what was said officially to be human flesh. "Yes, Bokassa was really a cannibal," President David Dacko told a news conference after the coup in which he regained power. "He went about, his macabre meals in the solitude of hidden corners of his palaces. We have discovered pieces of human flesh in the emperor's fridges. This is recorded in the justice ministry file against Bokassa."

The ousted emperor has been living in exile in the Ivory Coast since the coup.

Testimony at Friday's session of the Bangui criminal court centered on charges of embezzlement of state property. The former deputy premier in charge of finance, Alphonse Koyamba, alleged that the national budget included a special fund which enabled Bokassa to appropriate state money for personal use.

Former Premier Ange Patasse, called to the bar to explain his actions under the emperor, said that Bokassa often spent money without taking into account finance laws.

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### 2 looters convicted

POTENZA, Italy, Dec. 20 (AP) — A judge has convicted "in the name of the Italian people" two Italians on charges of looting an apartment house damaged in the Nov. 23 earthquake. Luigi Brunetti, 34, and Giovanni Rotunno, 33, were sentenced to 18 and 15 months in jail respectively and ordered to pay court costs.

The two were caught outside this town on Dec. 5 while stealing valuables and antique furniture from an apartment building which had partly collapsed. The quake killed more than 3,000 people in southern Italy.

## Fatal blaze ignored at MGM meet

RENO, Nevada, Dec. 20 (LAT) — Management of MGM Grand Hotels Inc., conducting the annual shareholders' meeting here this week, refused to discuss "the cause and spread" of the fire that killed 84 persons and injured hundreds at its hotel-casino in Las Vegas Nov. 21.

But the officers of the publicly traded corporation were nevertheless bombarded with questions about the fire by several highly vocal shareholders. Among the criticisms voiced by the shareholders was that the company failed to take proper steps to protect the hotel's guests and that it has greatly underestimated its potential liability in wrongful death and personal injury lawsuits.

The stockholders' meeting had been scheduled for the Las Vegas hotel, but was changed to the MGM Grand in Reno after the fire. The price of the company's stock has dropped nearly 50 per cent since the blaze.

An estimated 440 persons, including several MGM Grand Hotel employees, attended the two-hour session. Applause for pro-management expressions was considerably louder than that accorded the critics who spoke. The hotel barred all television and newspaper cameras from covering the meeting.

Although caustic and sometimes strident expressions were voiced from the floor, management was able to avoid a large area of questions concerning the fire by ruling them out of bounds from the outset.

Fred Benninger, MGM Grand chairman, and Alvin Benedict, president, addressed words of sympathy for victims of the tragedy and gave reassurances about the company's financial stability.

### Rome magistrate called 'hangman'

MILAN, Dec. 20 (AP) — The Red Brigades on Saturday called the judge they kidnapped a week ago a "hangman" and said he will face a "proletariat tribunal" in which all of us, proletarian prisoners, will act as public accusers."

In their fifth message since they kidnapped Giovanni D'Urso, 49, the leftist terrorist still did not state conditions for his release. D'Urso, who held a top position in Italy's prison system, is the first political kidnapping victim since the abduction and murder of former Premier Aldo Moro by the Red Brigades in 1978.

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### Indemnity okayed

GENEVA, Dec. 20 (R) — A Swiss chemical company has said it will pay \$10.9 million in compensation for an explosion at one of its factories in Seveso, northern Italy, in 1976.

The explosion released a cloud of toxic dioxin gas forcing the evacuation of nearby residents.

The company, Givaudan S.A., a Geneva subsidiary of the Swiss pharmaceuticals giant, F. Hoffmann La Roche, said an agreement on compensation was signed in Rome Friday. Under the agreement, the Italian government and the region of Lombardy withdrew all civil actions against Givaudan in Italy and abroad, the statement said.

Givaudan is to make an immediate payment of \$4.7 million to the region and \$7.9 million to the Italian government for expenses they incurred.



(AP photo)  
BALLOONISTS: Maxie Anderson, left, who has piloted balloons across North America and the Atlantic, plans to try a globe-circling flight next year. He and Doe Ida, his co-pilot, display a model of the gondola they will ride during the flight.

### Resist U.S. pressure

## Danes refuse defense boost

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 20 (WP) — Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen, resisting strong pressure from the Carter administration and opposition politicians here, is sticking to his refusal to increase Denmark's defense spending next year.

An acute economic crisis is forcing Denmark, which is one of the world's most affluent societies, to reduce its standard of living. Jorgensen's left-of-center Social Democratic government is expected to win parliamentary approval this month for an austerity budget for 1981 that will curb the growth of Denmark's generous welfare state while allowing defense spending to rise only enough to cover inflation.

This will leave Denmark last among the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in its commitment to defense spending, as measured against the NATO target of a 3 per cent increase above inflation each year and near the bottom in defense expenditure as a proportion of national income.

Danish officials argue that Jorgensen had little political choice but to hold down defense expenditures. His government must painfully squeeze both public and consumer spending to try to reduce huge deficits in the government budget and balance of payments that have put Denmark dangerously deep in debt to foreign creditors.

Denmark is slipping from the top of the world's per capita income chart, and its media are reporting that Danes are becoming depressed by the unaccustomed squeeze. Economic growth is stalled, consumer purchasing power is falling, unemployment is soaring and vacation homes are becoming a glut on the market.

"Of course, we are not a poor country," acknowledged a Danish diplomat in the foreign ministry building not far from Copenhagen's sprawling downtown pedestrian shopping precinct, where colorfully decorated stores were filled with luxury goods and well-dressed shoppers. "But we have to cut down on everything," he said. "And even when you start from a high base that hurts. So it was not politically feasible to increase defense spending much above inflation just now. It is an economic problem."

But U.S. officials question whether it is also a problem of national will. They see Denmark as a symbol of high-income European allies under the protection of the U.S.

defenses umbrella and want to sidestep their NATO spending commitments in an economic pinch in order to keep as much as possible of their comfortable standard of living and welfare-state social benefits.

Belgium and Holland have committed themselves to only half the NATO target this year. West Germany appeared ready to settle for a similar shortfall.

Much less affluent Britain, suffering from the worst recession in Europe and trying to implement the most drastic cuts in government spending, will be unable to meet its commitment. But U.S. officials believe it is doing its best to get near the 3 per cent target.

## Minister rejects Brown charges on Bonn budget

BONN, Dec. 20 (AP) — Defense Minister Hans Apel has rejected criticism by U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown that West Germany is spending too little money on its armed forces, according to the *Hamburger Abendblatt* newspaper.

Brown, in a speech Thursday to the council on foreign relations, criticized West German military spending plans for 1981 as "severe disappointment."

West Germany's finance ministry on Wednesday released a draft 1981 budget providing for a 6.2 per cent increase in military spending, but experts here and in the United States noted that the increase would amount to about 2.2 per cent after it is adjusted for inflation.

The \$41.2 billion West Germany has budgeted for defense would leave it short of the 3 per cent "real" military spending increase pledged by NATO members in 1978. Holland, Denmark and other NATO members had previously fallen short of the goal without drawing such pointed public criticism from the United States.

Apel cited the projected defense spending of over 2 per cent and said "I'd just like to see others do that," according to the newspaper.

He noted financial problems with the Tornado fighter plane project, said to be about \$665 million over budget. The aircraft is being built by British, Italian and West German companies to replace the Lockheed F-104 starfighter in the NATO arsenal.



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*Press giants threatened*

## Labor nightmare chases profits from Fleet Street

LONDON, Dec. 20 (LAT) — Fleet Street is the home of Britain's national newspapers, most of whose massive headquarters buildings stand shoulder to shoulder along the bustling thoroughfare in central London.

Fleet Street, taken literally as well as figuratively, suggests the great press lords: the elder and younger Lords Thomson and Rothermere, Lord Beaverbrook, Lord Astor, Lord Kemsley and Lord Hartwell, who bought or created newspapers more often for power and prestige than for profit.

But for publishing experts, Fleet Street has come to signify a quagmire for owners and investors, a perilous place characterized by near anarchy, with management and labor locked in tooth-and-claw battles against each other and among themselves.

Consequently, the once-profitable national press is in deep financial difficulty, with a few papers making a reasonable profit and some seemingly headed for extinction. Fleet Street is beset with rising costs, falling advertising and stagnant circulation.

Britain has nine morning national papers: *The Times*, *Telegraph*, *Financial Times*, *Guardian*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Express*, *Sun*, *Star* and *Mirror*. Last year, six of them showed profits, but those figures were offset by the losses of the other three, and this year, analysts predict, eight or nine of Britain's 16 morning and Sunday-only papers will run in the red.

The national press is also afflicted with what some observers call the "Fleet Street disease" — the constant threat of "unofficial industrial action," wildcat strikes that frequently disrupt newspaper production.

Louis Herren, deputy editor of *The Times* of London, calls the situation that prevails in the composing and press rooms "organized industrial blackmail." In the first six months of this year, for example, about 75 million copies failed to reach readers because of wildcat strikes.

Particularly hard-hit were the *daily Times* and its sister paper, the *Sunday Times*. So its owner, Lord Thomson, a Canadian, staring at an expected deficit this year of \$36 million, announced last month that the papers would be closed in March unless new owners could be found. The two papers, with 4,200 employees, lost perhaps \$95 million during an 11-month shutdown that ended a year ago.

A few days later, Lord Rothermere's *Evening News*, the country's largest afternoon paper, announced that it is going out of business — at a cost of 1,700 jobs and leaving the capital with only one evening newspaper.

In assessing Fleet Street's ailments, most analysts cite the restrictive practices of unions — and management's permissiveness.

The industry is characterized by high salaries (up \$50,000 a year including overtime, for some printers), overmanning (most



(Central Press photo)  
STREET OF STRIFE: Fleet Street, the once-prospering home of the British press continues to be embroiled in labor disputes that threaten the existence of the nation's best-known papers. *The Times* and the *Evening News* are two recent casualties.

a year including overtime, for some printers), overmanning (most papers are over staffed by at least 30 per cent) and resistance to the new printing technology. Further Fleet Street production is often hampered by jurisdictional disputes between unions and wage arguments between various labor units.

Then, too, agreements negotiated by national unions are often repudiated by the local branches, or chapels, and in the case of *The Times*, there are eight separate unions with 66 different chapels. If that were not enough, most agreements negotiated bet-

ween management and labor carry the inscription: "This document is not legally binding."

Thus as John Lepage, director of the Newspaper Publishers Association, said, "No agreement is worth the paper it's printed on."

In Britain, labor disputes are traditionally not adjudicated by the courts, so management has no recourse when agreements are breached by the printing unions, and the unions themselves have no effective disciplinary procedure to invoke against the locals that take "unofficial" strike action.

The chaotic labor situation on Fleet Street has caused costs to soar. *The Times* management recently calculated that the paper could be printed in Washington, D.C., flown to London, sold for about 35 cents, and make a profit. Instead, the paper is printed on Fleet Street, sells for just under 50 cents and suffers a considerable loss.

Eric Jacobs, the *Sunday Times* labor correspondent who has just written a book on the 11-month *Times* newspaper dispute, fittingly called *Stop Press*, says that the problem with casual workers is that they "did not care a boot about the company and there was nothing whatever the company could do about it."

With a circulation of about 300,000, *The Times* is not Britain's biggest paper, but it is the most distinguished, and specialists believe that it could make a profit if staffing levels were reduced and uninterrupted press runs guaranteed. But currently, it and the *Sunday Times*, with a circulation of 1.4 million, are operating at an estimated annual loss of \$20 million. The *Sunday Times* has made money in the past and could again — if its press runs were not interrupted.

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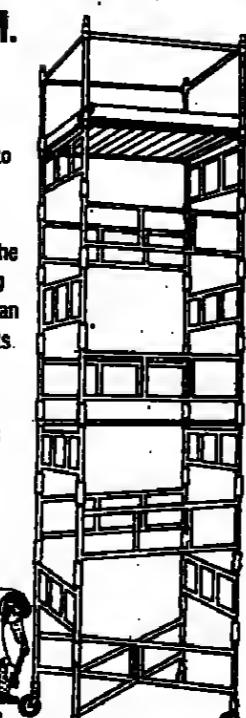
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## IMF to cut interest costs to 83 states

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund announced details Friday of a \$1.25-billion subsidy plan to cut interest costs on loans available to 83 low-income countries plagued by high oil prices. Another \$1.687 billion would start becoming available in 1984 or 1985 for much easier loans — at half a per cent interest or some other highly favorable rate. The IMF has been under considerable pressure to give more help to poor countries.

The plan sets up a new account from which these countries can draw. The money will be given to shave as many as 3 percentage points from interest on \$10 billion worth of loans from the "Wittigton facility," named after a former IMF chairman. Interest on the loans is now running at 11.5 per cent. So far 21 countries have taken these loans.

Most of the money in the new account — the equivalent of some \$937 million — will come from repayments on a different set of loans, called "trust fund loans" which were made with money from the sale of gold owned by the IMF. Much of this gold was paid in when it was worth only \$35 an ounce. The subsequent rise in price — the present level is about \$570 — gave the IMF some unexpected resources.

So it set up a trust fund worth about \$3.625 billion at today's exchange rates and made loans to poor countries on soft terms. The rest of the subsidy will be sought as gifts from the more prosperous among the IMF's 141 member governments. And IMF spokesmen said some already have indicated willingness to contribute, but he declined to name any.

The maximum reduction of 3 percentage points will be available to the poorest 69 countries, those where the average citizen earns only about \$640 per year. There are already 13 borrower countries in this category: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Guyana, Keoya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Pakistan, the Philippines, Senegal, Sudan and Tanzania. Another 14 countries with a slightly better income will be eligible for subsidies of half the maximum, that is, no more than 1.5 per centage points. This will now apply to Mauritius, Morocco and Peru.

The IMF said the subsidy would be available as soon as practicable after the end of its financial year on April 30.



GARBAGE COLLECTORS: Paris garbage truck collectors drove their vehicles near the Palace of Elysee Thursday, and left them there, causing gigantic traffic jams all over Paris. The garbage men want a 300ft rise; background, with the flag, is the Ministry of the Interior.

### Consortium ruled out

## W. states discuss financial aid to Poland

PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP) — Representatives from Western countries are to meet here Monday to discuss the possibility of giving a financial boost to Poland, informed sources said Saturday. Problems concerning rescheduling of Poland's debts will be at the center of the informal talks, revealed by Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

The main Western creditor nations, the U.S., West Germany, France, Britain, Canada and Italy will be represented by senior ministerial officials.

Poland now owes the West about \$24 billion and Warsaw's new leaders unable to honor the country's financial commitments — will need \$7 billion to meet their outstanding debts and a similar amount next year.

Warsaw's requests to each of the countries will be discussed so that bilateral aid procedures can be coordinated, but observers ruled out any possibility that a Western consortium

would be formed. The Western countries, which do not want to upset the new Polish leadership by appearing to interfere in their country's internal affairs, do not want either to give the impression of neglecting the political aspect of the financial negotiations.

The meeting would give them the opportunity to consider their financial responsibility in the event of Soviet military intervention in Poland. It seemed unlikely that Poland's desire for a three-year rescheduling of the debts would be acceptable to all the countries concerned. They are believed to prefer maximum delay of 12 to 16 months.

Since the beginning of the Polish crisis in the summer, the countries of the West have given aid to Poland without orchestrating their action. West Germany, for example, has already approved financial arrangements of \$680 million, mostly for debt servicing.

But the U.S. administration headed by outgoing President Jimmy Carter has just

declined to give the go-ahead for aid worth \$3 billion as requested by Poland. And even for the autumn approved credits worth about \$120 million for the purchase of food, Carter has preferred to leave the decision to incoming President Ronald Reagan.

In November France made \$200 million available to Poland for the purchase of industrial goods. Bilateral financial talks between the two countries are to resume in January with Poland seeking rescheduling of all its \$120 million worth of credits falling due in 1981.

Meanwhile the Soviet Union has extended aid of \$690 million to Poland of which \$280 million will permit a delay in the repayment of earlier credits.

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Bahrain Dinar	8.86	8.85	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	104.00	—	
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Deutsche Mark (100)	167.00	171.00	169.90
Dutch Guilder (100)	154.00	—	156.40
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.50	90.90
French Franc (100)	72.00	74.00	73.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.35
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	35.00	36.60	36.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.86	10.78
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.26	12.26
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	91.50	89.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	81.50	81.86
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Polish Sterling	7.77	7.88	7.87
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	91.75
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	41.90	41.90
Swiss Franc (100)	184.00	188.00	187.40
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	44.00
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## U.S. interest rate increase reflects on fall of prices

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AFP) — There has been an astonishing turn-round in world market prices during the week under review, writes *Czarsko* in its latest review. In weak markets the factor probably responsible for the sharp fall in prices before the weekend was the increase in interest rates in the U.S. This not only presented attractive outlets for finance, but also increasing the cost of holding long term market positions. It was inevitable that at some stage these speculative positions would be liquidated and it may be that the market has actually been strengthened now they have gone. Certainly, later in the week, when there was a further increase in U.S. interest rates the effect on sugar market quotations was minimal. Probably the most interesting news of the week has been the report that transactions involving several hundred thousand tons of Philippine sugar for shipment over the next few months have either been cancelled or deferred.

It has been suggested that vessels now waiting in port may not complete loading operations for some months.

During the past seven weeks there have been many reports of buying interest by China. These have often been without foundation but it does appear that several cargoes of world market sugar were acquired before the weekend.

Chile is also reported to have entered the market recently and has purchased about 50,000 tons of sugar, mostly to be delivered in the form of whites. Iraq has recently acquired one or two cargoes of white sugar, one of which is understood to have been priced at \$805.00 per metric ton.

A tender for the purchase of 20,000 tons of white sugar for shipment in January and February, Syria is reported to have purchased one cargo at \$827.00 per metric ton and is rumored to have secured a second one at around \$810.00 per ton.

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### U.S. moves on lawsuits

## Shah money blocks end to crisis--Rajai

TEHRAN, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — Iran's demand for the return of the late Shah's wealth was pinpointed by Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Saturday as "the problem" in dealings with Washington over the release of 52 American hostages.

Meanwhile, saying negotiations for the safe return of the hostages are in their "most delicate stage," the U.S. government has petitioned an appeals court to delay 96 domestic lawsuits seeking to attack \$3 billion in Iranian assets.

The move by the department of justice on Friday was prompted by a federal judge's earlier denial of a request to halt proceedings and his refusal to certify his ruling for appeals court review.

Rajai, giving further details of Iran's proposals relayed to Washington through Algerian envoys, said, "The problem is that of the properties of the Shah which we asked them to return to us." He said there was no detailed information on the size of the fortune, which Iranian officials previously estimated at \$32 billion.

To overcome this Iran had proposed that the U.S. government place a "guaranteed" cash deposit — with the Algerian government, the prime minister told Tehran Radio.

Rajai explained that when "any amount or sum of the property of the Shah becomes clear, we could take it from the guarantee."

He added that the United States should not let the sum to be placed with the Algerians fall below a certain level, implying that Iran wants Washington to keep the deposit topped up as the Iranians made withdrawals.

Diplomats who have followed the U.S.-Iranian exchanges over the hostages said Rajai's comments appeared to be only a bare outline of what was contained in Tehran's latest message.

The diplomats said Iran had proposed that it should have access to the deposit if legal moves aimed at tracing and returning the Shah's money failed. Rajai said all the issues over the hostages could be solved, but he dismissed any suggestion that Iran was diluting the four release conditions set by the Iranian Majlis nearly seven weeks ago.

"... As long as the slightest part of these conditions remains, the hostages will not leave Iran," the prime minister said.

Apart from the return of the Shah's fortune, Iran has called on the U.S. to drop all legal claims against this country, release impounded Iranian assets and promise never to interfere in Iranian affairs.

"The efforts of the United States to secure the release of the 52 American hostages held in Iran for over a year are now at their most delicate stage," the government claimed in its appeals brief.

The action, according to the document, is part of the Jimmy Carter administration's simultaneous effort of requesting delays of 300 such lawsuits across the nation until next Feb. 13.

The lawsuits were filed against the government of Iran, and in agents by American banks, companies and individuals seeking compensation for alleged default on loans, breaches of contracts and confiscation of property in Iran.

About 120 suits were filed in the southern district of New York after Iran repudiated all foreign debts. The first 96 were partially consolidated before Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy for initial hearings to determine the validity of initial attachment orders before the claims could go to trial before other judges.



Wang Hongwen

## Poland owes \$23 billion to foreigners

WARSAW, Dec. 20 (AP) — Poland announced new austerity measures Friday, disclosing its foreign debt had risen to \$23 billion and 1981 would bring its first deficit budget.

Officials confirmed plans for 1981 meat rationing, said 5,000 government employees would be cut and investment spending slashed by about \$3 billion. "We are determined to pay our debts and stick to regular repayment of those debts," Deputy Premier Henryk Kisiel told a session of the Polish parliament.

He warned that the government had agreed to give this year's strikers more than it could afford to pay, "overstepping our economic possibilities."

Finance Minister Marian Krzak, disclosing the rise in Poland's crippling debt to the West, said state income in 1981 would go up only one per cent but spending would have to rise 22 per cent.

In addition to the job and investment cuts, he announced plans to reduce the government automobile pool by a quarter and stop construction of some 70 government buildings. Krzak said the 1981 budget would be the first unbalanced one in Poland's postwar history as a Communist country.

Legislators heard what longtime observers said were unprecedented requests from former Party Chief Edward Gierek and several other ousted officials that they be relieved of their parliament seats as well.

Meanwhile, the United States warned the Soviet Union military intervention in Poland would make "a certain casualty" of the 35-nation European Security Conference and the Helsinki agreements on human rights and detente.

"East-West relations as we know them could not continue," U.S. chief delegate Max Kampelman told the conference as it ended, six weeks of reviewing compliance with the Helsinki accords.

Recalling Soviet military intervention in Hungary in 1956 and in Czechoslovakia in 1968, Kampelman said a similar Soviet move on Poland would be a "disaster." He added: "And the cooperation which the security conference could make to the security and cooperation in Europe would be, I am afraid, a certain casualty."

In the first open warning to the Soviets at the Madrid meeting, Kampelman said the movement of sizeable Warsaw Pact forces in recent weeks "caused us all deep concern."

The co-chairman of the American delegation said those troop movements, last December's Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and the Soviet record on respecting human rights were damaging the confidence the Helsinki signatories needed to improve East-West relations.

Kampelman particularly condemned Soviet violation of human rights under the Helsinki accords, saying that more than 20 Soviet political dissidents had been arrested, convicted or harassed since the Madrid meeting began.

He said that U.S. policy on the security conference would not change with the inauguration of President-elect Ronald Reagan one week before the Madrid meeting is due to reconvene after a long Christmas break. President Jimmy Carter's objectives and Reagan's are the same, he said.

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soo which we can only read as further defiance of the international community's determination to establish peace in Lebanon, to insure the success of UNIFIL, and more particularly to preserve the safety and security both of Lebanese citizens and the members of the international force." The Lebanese envoy said the latest Israeli attack enhanced his plea for the urgent measures that the council had requested to implement previous resolutions and the 1949 Israel-Lebanon Armistice Agreement. This should lead to total cessation of hostilities, withdrawal of Israeli forces, and respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon, he added.

Tuwei attached an account of recent Israeli actions in Lebanon.

### 'Gang' member asks mercy

## Wang 'too young to die'

PEKING, Dec. 20 (AP) — Wang Hongwen, junior member of the "Gang of Four," asked Communist China's highest court for mercy Saturday, saying he was guilty of treason and violence but was only 45 and too young to die, Chinese sources reported.

They said Wang Hongwen's bid for mercy contrasted sharply with the sullen silence maintained by his haggard co-defendant, 63-year-old Zhang Chunqiao, who reportedly is suffering from cancer.

Zhang, the "Gang of Four's" theoretician, has refused to accept the indictment against him and has not uttered a word during the entire trial.

Because of his behavior the prosecution demanded a "severe punishment" for the former party politburo member, who along with his nine co-defendants, including Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing, stand accused of "counter-revolutionary crimes" carrying the death penalty.

Wang, a former party vice chairman, and Zhang, former mayor of Shanghai, appeared separately before the supreme court for the defense phase of their trial. Neither requested a lawyer.

Both could be sentenced to death if convicted on charges of plotting an armed rebellion in Shanghai in 1976, inciting bloody factional violence in 1966 and 1967 and trying to ruin Deng Xiaoping, China's current strongman. They face numerous other charges of persecution and plotting to usurp political power.

According to Chinese legal tradition a defendant's cooperation and co-operation are major factors in determining the sentence. Wang has cooperated fully, turned state's evidence and testified against his three co-defendants, apparently in hopes of receiving a lighter sentence.

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### 1,000 Indians held

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (R) — Police Saturday arrested more than 1,000 farmers taking part in a 365-km march across India's western state of Maharashtra to demand increased crop prices, the Press Trust of India said.

Among those detained was former Maharashtra Chief Minister Sharad Pawar, who was leading the march. The marchers had completed most of the distance to Nagpur where they were due to finish on Dec. 29. The arrests were made as Maharashtra chief minister A.R. Antulay was meeting other farm leaders who staged a 19-day agitation last month, during which six people died and 7,000 were arrested in protests for increased sugarcane, onion and cotton support prices.

worker in Shanghai, he earned the nickname "the rocket" because of his rapid political rise. He has depicted himself as the tool and lieutenant of more sinister figures like Zhang Chunqiao and Mao's widow.

Refusing even to glance at the bench, Zhang Chunqiao has incurred the wrath of the court and the press for his silence. He has been compared to a "block of granite" and a "wooden chicken."

The prosecutor has warned him he can be convicted without his own confession and has said the mute defendant "long ago was prepared to have his head lopped off."

Wang has confessed to all charges, and said that Jiang Qing and Zhang dispatched him in 1974 to tell chairman Mao that Deng Xiaoping and then-Premier Chou Enlai were plotting to seize power.

Wang has said he incited bloody factional violence in Shanghai in 1966 and 1967 that left a hundred dead, injured or imprisoned. He said he urged the "Gang of Four" followers to attack rival groups which questioned their authority.

Being civil by nature I asked a young boy the other day how things were at school. "Have you done the multiplication table yet?" You should have seen the smile on his face. "The what?" he said. "That was ages ago. We are dealing with set theory now." "Dealing with what?" There, you see? The generation gap. All I know about set theory is that it's something you keep well away from, and that should it happen to you you take two aspirins and stay in bed until it goes away. As for the multiplication table, I restrained myself from telling the young scamp that it was held in reverence in my time, and that you felt by the time you mastered it you were ready to face the wide and dangerous world.

Good Morning  
By Jihad Khanza

The father tells his son to come in and shut the door. "Look here," he says, "you know, you have reached sixteen and um, well as you know, there are things which must be discussed."

"Like what?" says the boy. "Well, um, things about life, you know, the birds and the bees, that sort of thing." "Dad," says the boy, "I'm sorry but I've pushed my time. Just ask what you want to know and I'll tell you. Please don't be shy."

This of course is a joke. But looking at the younger generation today, it is more serious than one might think. The generation gap was always with us, but feel it has never been wider. I think it has something to do with the accelerated rate of change everywhere, with us old timers beginning to feel increasingly left behind. The young take to new things like ducking water. As for us, before we could even establish a *modus vivendi* with the old computers, the silicon chip demanded our attention. (I know, I know, please don't bother to explain the principle to me, I know they are perfectly simple...)

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Translated from *Asking Al Awas*

## Bomb on banker a dud

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Dec. 20 (AP) — A bomb which two masked men attached to the chest of a bank manager before fleeing from the premises early Saturday, \$87,500 was later found to be a dummy police said.

For several hours manager Alustiza Igarzabal was held prisoner inside his safe, bank in a Basque town south of San Sebastian, before the robbers clipped the bogus bomb to the chest and made their getaway with the cash.

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